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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Ground Satellite Division, KPG  
Office of Development and Engineering

ATTENTION: Chief, Terrestrial Communications Segment

FROM: [REDACTED]  
Director, PHOTINT Tasking Office

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SUBJECT: Request for Priority Allocation of STU II Equipment  
to PHOTINT Tasking Office, Intelligence Community Staff

1. This memorandum is to follow up a conversation between [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] of your organization and [REDACTED] of my staff relative to the need  
by the PHOTINT Tasking Office (PTO) of the Intelligence Community Staff  
for STU II dedicated secure link equipment. PTO has an urgent, immediate  
requirement for the allocation of two units and would like to be included  
in the initial procurement phase. We would welcome the opportunity to  
participate in the test phase of this equipment. The Intelligence Community  
Staff has allocated [REDACTED] of FY 82 funds to procure two STU II units  
[REDACTED] at this time. [REDACTED]

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2. PTO's total requirement is for four (4) STU II units. These  
units will be located at the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CIA Headquarters; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Based on the production rate of approximately  
100 units per month and the sizeable government-wide requirement, we  
realize the need to prioritize requirements. Our immediate first priority  
requirement is for two (2) units, one to be located at the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. A unit at [REDACTED] is our second priority, with the  
unit to be located at CIA Headquarters being third (fourth unit). Addi-  
tional funds will be programmed in FY 83 for the remaining two units.

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3. A dedicated secure telephone link from [REDACTED]  
to [REDACTED] is essential for efficient, prompt conduct of PTO's  
responsibility for pre-mission planning of [REDACTED] operations, and  
[REDACTED] the up-to-date, timely, daily tasking of ad hoc and special  
requirements. To be able to accomplish responsive planning and tasking,

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PTO operations personnel located at the [redacted] must be able to communicate immediately and extensively several times daily with [redacted] personnel. The operational importance, frequency, length, and priority of these calls dictate the need for dedicated point-to-point secure telephone service (such as the STU II system) to assure prompt communication without preemption. The additional units, to be located at [redacted] Headquarters, will serve the Director, PTO, in times of crisis or other urgent tasking situations and will also serve as backup devices in case of failure of the one located at the [redacted]

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